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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: GVN DESIRE TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER VUONG VAN BAC TOLD CHARGE' THAT LAST DECEMBER GVN ATTEMPTED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GOE BUT REQUEST WAS APPARENTLY BLOCKED BY A MISS IMRU IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. MINISTER BAC WONDERS WHETHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA MAKE IT DESIRABLE FOR GVN TO NOW TRY AGAIN.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN GVN ETHIOPIA WOULD BE IN THE US INTEREST. IT WOULD ALSO BE VERY USEFUL IN LIGHT OF PERSISTENT EFFORTS OF THE SO-CALLED "PRG" IN MUCH OF AFRICA TO LAY CLAIM TO A LEGITIMACY WHICH IS COMPLETELY UNJUSTIFIED BY ANY CURRENT REALITY IN VIETNAM. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE ANY ADVICE ADDIS OR DEPARTMENT MIGHT GIVE THAT WE COULD PASS ON TO MFA.
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